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Dear Mrs. Heatwole:

The enclosed french patents Nrs. 1.473.458 and 1.476.174 to the German ERESTA Chemiehandel G.m.b.H., describing a denicotinizing process of tobacco which is almost identical with that of the Philip Morris U.S. Patent Nr. 3.139.435. ERESTA also made the German applications E28.880 (March 11th, 1965) and

E29.126 (April 15th, 1965).

We do not have the German applications in our files. These patents might interest you if French or German applications were made of the Philip Morris patent, because the ERESTA very obviously are partial copies of it.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours, UNITED TOBACCO FACTORIES SA 2003 Neuchâtel-Serrières Laboratories

Enclosure: Copies of 2 French patents.

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